

MURRAY ANNUAL 2005 LITERARY COMPETITION

Please join us for Murray's annual literary competition. Use your creative ideas with fantasy, humor, nature, or history in a style you like best. Grand Prize winner receives a scholarship to The Writer's At Work Conference or another writing conference of your choice at an equal price.

Categories: Children's Literature
 Poetry
 Essay or Short Story
 Historical
 Novel

Divisions: Adult
 School Age Youth (grades 9-12)

Rules:

1. Competition is open to Murray residents from grades 9-12 through adults with a limit of one entry per person per category.
2. Manuscripts are due February 7, 2005 by 5 PM in the Murray Parks and Recreation Office. If possible please include a photo of yourself with your name written on the back of the photo. Only one photo is needed when multiple entries are submitted.
3. Manuscripts must be the original work of the contestant and cannot be published at time of entry. The entry should have title, be single or double spaced, and must be typewritten or computer generated on white paper. Authors of winning entries retain all rights to publication. Manuscripts must have been written or rewritten in the past two years and cannot have received a cash award in previous Murray competitions.
4. Number of winners and cash prizes will be determined based on number and merit of entries. Judges will select an overall winner for a scholarship to any writer's conference (up to \$400) of the winner's choice. First place winners of each category will be eligible for the sweepstakes award except previous year's sweepstakes winner.
5. Judges have sole and final authority in evaluating manuscripts.
6. Manuscripts will not be returned but may be picked up after May 1st at the Murray Parks Office. Any manuscripts left at the Parks Office after May 1st will be destroyed.

Submission Form: (Submit one form for each entry. One personal photo is sufficient.)

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Zip _____

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	_____ Poetry		_____ Adult
	_____ Short Story or Essay		
	_____ Historical		
	_____ Novel		

I verify the manuscript submitted is original and is neither published nor accepted for publication at time of entry. I give my permission to allow my entry (reduced abstract for longer entries) and photograph to be used for public display.

Signature _____ Date _____